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IN VACATION.

Cruel and Unusual Punishment.—Judge Brannon of the Supreme Court of West Virginia in *State v. Woodward*, 69 S. E. 385, has decided that a statute closing saloons on Sunday is not unconstitutional as imposing cruel or unusual punishment.—On the soaks?

Divorce of a Mensa.—Lawyer—"Am I to understand that your wife left your bed and board?"

Uncle Ephraim—"Not 'xactly, boss. She dun tuk mah bed an' bo'd along with her."—Puck.

Then the Colonel Fainted.—Years ago, Atchison people put all their stories "on" Colonel E., a well-known lawyer. This is one told on him: He had a client who was guilty of murder, and E. had no hope of acquitting him. Managing to get a friend on the jury, he said to him: "Bill, hold out for manslaughter; never give in." The jury was out two days, and finally brought in a verdict of manslaughter, and Colonel E. was much pleased. His friend on the jury, meeting him later, said: "I had a terrible time bringing the others around to my way of thinking; the other eleven insisted on acquittal; but I held out, as you told me, and we finally won."—Atchison Globe.